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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

FROM: Herminio Gonzalez, P.E. Director
Secretary, Board of Rules and Appeals

DATE: April 20, 2006

SUBJECT: BORA Interpretation of Painted Fiberglass Ducts

It has come to our attention that the painting of fibrous glass duct (also referred to as fiberglass ducts) with water based paint is taking place. It must be understood that this practice voids the U.L. listing of the product.

The Board of Rules and Appeals previously rendered an interpretation regarding this matter. That interpretation remains effective and is provided below:

At its September 20, 2001 meeting, the Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) made an interpretation regarding painted ductwork. BORA's interpretation was that ductwork could be painted as long as documentation could be obtained from the products manufacturer stating that the paint used will not damage the duct. Provisions should be made to verify the product's U.L. label and insulation value prior to painting.

If your department has any questions, please contact Pete Quintela, Code Compliance Specialist (Mechanical) of my staff at (305) 375-2901.

